

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 22, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. TURPIE, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 1634.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1634) granting a pension to William M. Robinson, have considered the same and report:

From the facts stated in the House report, which is hereto attached and made a part hereof, we believe this to be a meritorious measure and do recommend its passage.

[House Report No. 1629, Fifty-first Congress, first session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1634) granting an increase of pension to William M. Robinson, have considered the same and report:

The claimant was a corporal in Company F, United States Mounted Rifles, and served from June 16, 1846, to August 26, 1848, in the war with Mexico.

He was wounded in the left hip in action during said war, but his application for pension on account of same was rejected by the Pension Bureau on the ground that the wound does not cause pensionable disability. There was, however, a difference of opinion between the examining surgeons as to the existence of disability from said cause, one of the examining surgeons recommending the allowance of \$6 per month.

Subsequently, however, the claimant was allowed a pension at \$8 per month on account of his Mexican war service, and he now asks an increase of said pension to \$24 per month, declaring that he is in poor health, is afflicted with catarrh of the head, affection of liver and kidneys, and feebleness of limbs, which almost wholly disable him for the performance of manual labor on his farm. He also declares that the wound above referred to is a source of constant physical suffering and disability, and the same increases with his years.

The evidence submitted shows the claimant to be over 60 years old, and that he is seriously disabled for the performance of manual labor. It is further shown that he is the owner of 105 acres of inferior land, worth altogether about \$1,000, and on this there is a mortgage of \$500; he has but little personal property. The claimant's petition is indorsed by sixty-seven citizens of his locality. Papers on file show that the petitioner was given a certificate of merit by President Polk for gallant conduct at the battle of Cerro Gordo.

In view of the facts stated, your committee are of the opinion that the claim is a meritorious one, and the bill is therefore reported back with the recommendation that it do pass.

